GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS FOR COAL SECTOR.
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has put forward any proposal to kick start reforms in the coal sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to accord infrastructure status to the coal sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Planning Commission has also recommended for amending the Mines Act to allow coal blocks to private parties; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (f) There is no separate proposal from the Planning Commission regarding kick starting reforms in coal sector, according infrastructure status to coal sector or amending the Mines Act to allow coal blocks to private parties. However, the 'Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy' constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended various policy measures for development of coal sector in the country.